

**New Mexico - Lovington Field Office**  
**FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

**1. Plants - 60 Potential Points**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	60		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	50		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	40		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	30		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	20		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	0		
<b>Riparian</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 225 Potential Points**

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.				Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
<b>Soil Erosion</b>						
Range Seeding (550)				10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)				10		
<b>Water Quantity</b>						
Water Development (516), (614), (642), (533), (378)				25		
<b>Plants</b>						
Brush Mgt (314) (heavy, medium, light)				30		
Fence (382)				30		
(Defer 91 - 180 days during growing season)				30		
(Defer 181 - 270 days during growing season)				60		
(Defer 271 - 365 days during growing season)				90		
<b>Animals</b>						
Prescribed Grazing (528A)				20		
Prescribed Grazing (528A) (For Prairie Chickens)				10		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>				Total:		

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**3. Other Considerations - 20 Potential Points**

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points		Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10		
B. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Producer** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**District Conservationist** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

- \* In the event of a tie in ranking score with brush management, the lower % infestation will rank higher.
- \* For applications with no brush management, longest deferment will rank higher.